WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An accounting system comprising a bill-issuing device and
- 2 a bill-receiving device, the bill-issuing device being
- 3 connected to a database and including:
- 4 a first receiving unit operable to sequentially receive
- 5 input of (i) billing data for appropriation in consolidated
- 6 accounting and (ii) billing data not for appropriation in
- 7 consolidated accounting;
- 8 an entry unit operable to enter the received billing
- 9 data in the database;
- 10 an extraction unit operable to extract billing data not
- 11 for appropriation from the received billing data;
- an output unit operable to output the extracted billing
- 13 data to the bill-receiving device; and
- an exclusion unit operable to clear specified billing
- 15 data entered in the database, as billing data not for
- 16 appropriation, and to exclude the specified billing data that
- 17 has been cleared from being appropriated, and
- the bill-receiving device including:
- a second receiving unit operable to receive the billing
- 20 data outputted from the bill-issuing device; and
- 21 a notification unit operable to notify the bill-issuing
- 22 device of the receipt of the billing data, wherein
- 23 the exclusion unit excludes the billing data whose

- 24 receipt is notified, as the specified billing data.
- 1 2. The accounting system of claim 1 further comprising a
- 2 calculation device operable to calculate a consolidated
- 3 accounting amount, based on the billing data entered in the
- 4 database not excluded by the exclusion unit from being
- 5 appropriated.
- 1 3. The accounting system of claim 2, wherein
- the bill-issuing device and the bill-receiving device
- 3 are connected by a telecommunication circuit,
- 4 the extraction unit includes a judgment subunit
- 5 operable to judge whether received billing data is for
- 6 appropriation, and
- 7 the output unit includes an online transmission subunit
- 8 operable to transmit online to the bill-receiving device,
- 9 only billing data extracted as billing data not for
- 10 appropriation.
- 1 4. The accounting system of claim 3, wherein
- the database stores an exclusion list showing a
- 3 correspondence between a biller and a billee that are not
- 4 targeted for consolidated accounting, and
- 5 the judgment subunit judges received billing data to

- 6 be not for appropriation if the biller and billee of the
- 7 billing data are shown in the exclusion list.
- 1 5. The accounting system of claim 3, wherein the notification
- 2 unit performs the notification online in realtime.
- 1 6. An accounting system comprising a bill-issuing device
- 2 connected to a first database, a server connected to a second
- 3 database that stores an exclusion list showing a
- 4 correspondence between a biller and a billee that are not
- 5 targeted for consolidated accounting, and a bill-receiving
- 6 device, the bill-issuing device including:
- 7 a first receiving unit operable to sequentially receive
- 8 input of (i) billing data for appropriation in consolidated
- 9 accounting and (ii) billing data not for appropriation in
- 10 consolidated accounting;
- a first transmission unit operable to transmit received
- 12 billing data to the server;
- an entry unit operable to enter received billing data
- 14 in the first database; and
- an exclusion unit operable to clear specified billing
- 16 data entered in the database, as billing data not for
- 17 appropriation, and to exclude the specified billing data that
- 18 has been cleared from being appropriated,

- 19 the server including:
- a second receiving unit operable to receive the billing
- 21 data transmitted from the bill-issuing device;
- 22 a judgment unit operable to judge whether the received
- 23 billing data is for appropriation, depending on whether the
- 24 biller and billee of the billing data are shown in the
- 25 exclusion list; and
- a second transmission unit operable to transmit the
- 27 received billing data to the bill-receiving device if judged
- 28 to be not for appropriation, and
- the bill-receiving device including:
- a third receiving unit operable to receive the billing
- 31 data transmitted from the server; and
- a notification unit operable to notify the bill-issuing
- 33 device of the receipt of the billing data, wherein
- 34 the exclusion unit excludes the billing data whose
- 35 receipt is notified, as the specified billing data.
- 1 7. The accounting system of claim 6 further comprising a
- 2 calculation device operable to calculate a consolidated
- 3 accounting amount, based on the billing data entered in the
- 4 first database not excluded by the exclusion unit from being
- 5 appropriated.

- 1 8. The accounting system of claim 7, wherein
- the bill-issuing device, the server, and the
- 3 bill-receiving device are connected by a telecommunication
- 4 circuit, and
- 5 the second transmission unit transmits online to the
- 6 bill-receiving device, only billing data judged to be not
- 7 for appropriation.
- 9. The accounting system of claim 8, wherein the notification
- 2 unit performs the notification online in realtime.
- 1 10. The accounting system of claim 6, wherein the
- 2 bill-issuing device and the bill-receiving device are each
- 3 a plurality of communication terminals operable to
- 4 intercommunicate via a telecommunication circuit.
- 1 11. The accounting system of claim 6, wherein the
- 2 bill-issuing device further includes a calculation unit
- 3 operable to calculate a consolidated accounting amount,
- 4 based on the billing data entered in the first database not
- 5 excluded by the exclusion unit from being appropriated.
- 1 12. A bill-receiving device that is connected to a database
- 2 and receives (i) billing data for appropriation in

- 3 consolidated accounting and (ii) billing data not for
- 4 appropriation in consolidated accounting, comprising:
- a first entry unit operable to enter received billing
- 6 data not for appropriation in the database;
- 7 an exclusion unit operable to exclude billing data
- 8 entered in the database from being appropriated;
- an approval unit operable to approve received billing
- 10 data based on an input from a user; and
- 11 a second entry unit operable to enter approved billing
- 12 data for appropriation in the database.
- 1 13. A method used by a bill-issuing device that is connected
- 2 to a database and included in an accounting system that
- 3 further includes a bill-receiving device, comprising the
- 4 steps of:
- 5 receiving input of (i) billing data for appropriation
- 6 in consolidated accounting and (ii) billing data not for
- 7 appropriation in consolidated accounting;
- 8 entering the received billing data in the database;
- 9 extracting billing data not for appropriation from the
- 10 received billing data;
- 11 outputting the extracted billing data to the
- 12 bill-receiving device; and
- 13 clearing outputted billing data whose receipt is

- 14 notified by the bill-receiving device, as billing data not
- 15 for appropriation, and excluding the cleared billing data
- 16 from being appropriated.
- 1 14. A bill-issuing program used by a bill-issuing device that
- 2 is connected to a database and included in an accounting
- 3 system that further includes a bill-receiving device,
- 4 comprising the steps of:
- 5 receiving input of (i) billing data for appropriation
- 6 in consolidated accounting and (ii) billing data not for
- 7 appropriation in consolidated accounting;
- 8 entering the received billing data in the database;
- 9 extracting billing data not for appropriation from the
- 10 received billing data;
- 11 outputting the extracted billing data to the
- 12 bill-receiving device; and
- 13 clearing outputted billing data whose receipt is
- 14 notified by the bill-receiving device, as billing data not
- 15 for appropriation, and excluding the cleared billing data
- 16 from being appropriated.
- 1 15. A computer-readable recording medium having recorded
- thereon a bill-issuing program used by a bill-issuing device
- 3 that is connected to a database and included in an accounting

- 4 system which further includes a bill-receiving device, the
- 5 bill-issuing program comprising the steps of:
- 6 receiving input of (i) billing data for appropriation
- 7 in consolidated accounting and (ii) billing data not for
- 8 appropriation in consolidated accounting;
- 9 entering the received billing data in the database;
- 10 extracting billing data not for appropriation from the
- 11 received billing data;
- 12 outputting the extracted billing data to the
- 13 bill-receiving device; and
- 14 clearing outputted billing data whose receipt is
- 15 notified by the bill-receiving device, as billing data not
- 16 for appropriation, and excluding the cleared billing data
- 17 from being appropriated.